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FM AMEMBASSY PRETORIA

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 9276

INFO AMCONSUL CAPE TOWN

AMCONSUL DURBAN

AMCONSUL JOHANNESBURG

UNCLAS PRETORIA 0560

CAPE TOWN ALSO FOR EMBASSY

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: EIND, SF

SUBJECT: SHORT SUPPLY PROBLEMS

REF: STATE 023940

1. TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, SA HAS NOT GPT NOT REGULATED OR OTHERWISE LIMITED EXPORTS OF BASIC INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS SO AS TO CONTRIBUTE TO SHORT SUPPLY PROBLEMS. TO THE CONTRARY, EFFORT HAS BEEN TO TAKE ADVANTAGE OF HIGHER PRICES RESULTING FROM SHORTAGES TO INCREASE VALUE OF EXPORTS, IF POSSIBLE THROUGH LONG TERM SALES CONTRACTS (EG. COAL). THUS, TRADITIONAL SA EXPORTS OF BASIC INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS HAVE BEEN MAINTAINED IF NOT RPT NOT EXPANDED. IN SEVERAL CRITICAL AREAS, SA IS ITSELF VICTIM OF SHORTAGES (EG. CHEMICALS).

2. EXCEPT FOR CASE OF IRON AND STEEL PRODUCTS, COMESTIC DEMAND FOR BASIC INDUSTRIAL MATERIALS DOES NOT RPT NOT IMPINGE ON TRADITIONAL EXPORTS. IN CASE OF STEEL, DECISION UNCLASSIFIED

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WWS TO CONTINUE DRIVE TO EXPAND IMPORTS EVEN THOUGH DOMESTIC

SHOCKTAGES APPEARING AND STEEL BEING IMPORTED.

3. EMBASSY PREPARING MORE COMPLETE OUTLINE OF EXPORT
CONTROLS IN RESPONSE TO STATE 022871 BUT NONE OF THESE SEEM
RELEVANT TO PRESENT ENQUIRY.

4. IN GENERAL, SA WISHES TO ESTABLISH REPUTATION AS CRUCIAL,
RELIABLE AND RESPONSIBLE PARTICIPANT IN INTERNATIONAL ECONOMY.
(THIS IN PART TO OFFSET POLITICAL HOSTILITY ARISING FROM
DOMESTIC SOCIAL SYSTEM) THUS BASIC INCLINATION IS TO COME
TO WORLD'S RESCUE RATHER THAN TO AGGRAVATE SHORT SUPPLY
SITUATION.

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